

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element, ~~for a mattress, cushion or the like including,~~ comprising:

an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material, and

an air permeable outer layer of stretchable material laminated onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer,

the outer layer comprising a highly breathable three dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer,

the outer layer comprising a spaced knitted fabric having a pair of spaced-apart knitted layers with spacer yarns extending between the knitted layers,

one of the knitted layers being laminated onto the top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer, and the maximum stretch of the outer layer being less than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material.

20-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the tensile strength of the outer layer material is greater than the tensile strength of the viscoelastic foam layer material.

24. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the outer layer is of knitted polyester material.

25. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the outer layer has a thickness in the range 0.5mm to 30mm.

26. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 25, wherein the outer layer has a thickness in a range of 3mm to 30mm

27. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the outer layer has a stretchability in the range 20% to 200%.

28. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 27, wherein the outer layer has a stretchability in the range 40% to 140%.

29. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein the outer layer is adhesively bonded to the viscoelastic layer.

30. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein outer layers are bonded to both the top surface and a bottom surface of the viscoelastic layer.

31. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, wherein ~~the~~ a bottom surface of the viscofoam layer is laminated onto a support structure

32. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the support structure comprises a standard foam or a combination modified foam.

33. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19, further including a vapour permeable outer cover.

34. (Currently Amended) A mattress incorporating ~~a support~~ the laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19.

35. (Currently Amended) A cushion incorporating ~~a support~~ the laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19.

36. (Currently Amended) A pillow incorporating ~~a support~~ the laminated body contact support element as claimed in claim 19.

37. (Currently Amended) A laminated body contact support element for a mattress, ~~cushion~~
or cushion or the like including, comprising:

an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material, and

an air permeable outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded to a top surface of
the viscoelastic foam layer,

~~said the~~ outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional spaced knitted
fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer,

the spaced knitted fabric having a pair of spaced-knitted layers with spacer yarns
extending between the knitted layers.

one of the knitted layers being laminated onto the top surface of the viscoelastic foam
layer, and

the maximum stretch of the outer layer of the spaced knitted fabric material being less
than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material.

38. (Withdrawn) A mattress comprising:

an outer cover;

a resilient core mounted within the cover;

said resilient core comprising an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and a vapour permeable reinforcing outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer;

said outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer; and

a bottom surface of the viscoelastic foam layer being laminated onto a support substrate comprising a standard foam or a combustion modified foam.

39. (Withdrawn) A mattress comprising:

an outer cover;

a resilient core mounted within the cover;

said resilient core comprising an inner layer of viscoelastic foam material and a vapour permeable reinforcing outer layer of stretchable material adhesively bonded onto a top surface of the viscoelastic foam layer;

said outer layer comprising a highly breathable three-dimensional fabric which forms an air layer above the viscoelastic foam layer; and

the maximum stretch of outer layer material being less than the breaking stretch of the underlying viscoelastic foam layer material;

a bottom surface of the viscoelastic foam layer being laminated onto a support substrate comprising a standard foam or a combustion modified foam.